IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| | : | Group Art Unit: 2618 |
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| For: PRINTING APPARATUS, |) | |
| PRINT CONTROL METHOD, | : | |
| AND PROGRAM PRODUCT |) | April 9, 2007 |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application

as follows: